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SENATE BILL 2187

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-132. Any person applying for registration or renewal of registration for a motor vehicle shall not be issued registration plates or decals unless the applicant possesses a valid driver license at the time such application is made. If the vehicle is owned jointly and one (1) of the owners does not possess a valid driver license at the time such application is made, the registration plates or decals shall be issued only to the owner who possesses a valid driver license.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection (e):

A temporary permit shall be issued only to a person who possesses a valid driver license at the time the application for registration is made.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection (f):

For purposes of this subsection, "driving record" shall not include verifying the possession of a valid driver license for issuance of registration plates or decals as required by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105, is further amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(\_) The department of safety shall prepare a list, or similar compilation, of drivers whose licenses have been canceled, suspended or revoked. Such list, or similar compilation, shall be regularly updated. The department is authorized to transmit such list, or similar compilation, to every county clerk. Notwithstanding subsection (c), a county clerk shall not provide a mail order renewal of registration to any driver whose name appears on the list, or similar compilation, prepared by the department.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.